

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## JEFFERSON CITY COUPLE PLEADS GUILTY TO METH CONSPIRACY

**JEFFERSON CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a husband and wife from Jefferson City, Mo., pleaded guilty today to conspiring to distribute methamphetamine in Callaway County.

**Gregory William Roberds**, 39, and **Angela Marie Roberds**, 31, both pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to conspiring with each other to distribute, and possess with the intent to distribute, 50 grams or more of methamphetamine.

The **Roberds** admitted to a series of illegal drug transactions between August 13, 2001 and September 11, 2001, Graves said. Those transactions included two \$250 sales of methamphetamine to an undercover law enforcement officer, and two \$800 sales of methamphetamine to an undercover law enforcement officer.

As a result of their guilty pleas today, the **Roberds** may each be subject to a sentence of at least five years in prison without parole, up to 40 in prison without parole, plus a fine up to \$2 million. That sentence will be determined according to federal sentencing guidelines. A sentencing hearing will be scheduled sometime after the completion of a presentence investigation by the U.S. Probation Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the Mid-Missouri Unified Strike Team and Narcotics Group (MUSTANG).

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